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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 238  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the Clinton High School  
Mock Trial Team for their State Championship.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves in competition and brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, The students who compose Clinton High School's Mock Trial Team are such estimable young Tennesseans; they recently won Clinton's third consecutive State Championship in mock trial competition, and it was the fifth time in the last six years that the team has earned recognition as Tennessee's top team; and

WHEREAS, The team began their tremendous run of success at the regional competition, where Ashley Earle was recognized as "Best Attorney" and Crystal Pyatt was selected as "Best Witness"; the victory was the team's seventh consecutive regional championship; and

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WHEREAS, At the State Championship in Nashville, the talented Clinton squad continued their dominance; in five rounds of competition, they never lost the ballot of a single scoring judge; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton students defeated a team from Germantown's Houston High School to establish themselves as the best of Tennessee's more than 300 high school mock trial teams; the victory earned the Clinton Mock Trial Team the right to travel to Omaha, Nebraska in May to compete at the National Mock Trial Competition, where the team has been a perennial contender and finished as high as 2<sup>nd</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Now preparing for the national tournament, the members of the Clinton High School Mock Trial Team are sure to compete admirably in Omaha and to serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; they are extremely talented and have displayed an admirable dedication to achieving excellence in their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The brilliant students who have brought the 2000-01 Clinton High School Mock Trial Team to prominence are Courtney Ashley, Kathryn Carr, Ashley Earle, Anna Hanson, Chris McCune, and Crystal Pyatt; they have already ensured that they will hold a prominent position in the rich history of Clinton High School Mock Trial; and

WHEREAS, The students' development into a powerful mock trial team was ably guided by Attorney Coaches Dail and Nicki Cantrell and Teacher Sponsors Kay Davis and Susan Fowler; and

WHEREAS, They have received the fullest support of the Anderson County Board of Education, Clinton High School Principal Tom Heffren, and Jim Stewart, Anderson County Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton High School Mock Trial Team's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, These students' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, Their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor the Clinton High School Mock Trial Team for winning the State Championship and wish them much success at the National Mock Trial Competition and in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.